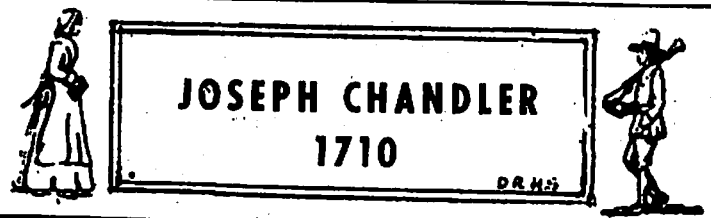


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When Duxbury was selling off some of the Common Lands to pay for the second meeting house, Joseph Chandler bought a tract on Tarkiln 30 acres beside the Boston-Plymouth Rd. Four years later he built a large farm house, two stories and a half, beside the highway and just north of the bend in the road that would later be called The Tree of Knowledge.

Several generations of Chandlers lived in the house, each increasing the acreage and prospering, until the farm extended east, north, and south for a long way. The house was built with large families in mind and it was more than 100 years before any change was made in its size. And the families were large: Joseph had ten children; Philip had nine; and Asa had seven.

When Jesse Chandler came into possession in 1825, he was living on the other side of the highway, and not needing the house, sold it to two of his many children -- the north half to William, his son, and the south half to William Frost, his son-in-law.

For 51 years two related families owned and occupied the north and south halves of the old homestead. The north half was sold or inherited four times, but the Frosts in the south half had a long life in their part. Then, in 1905, a bachelor member of the family acquired both halves and soon sold the whole house out of the Chandler family.

For 269 years this ancient house has stood by the highway that leads from Boston to Plymouth, five generations of Chandlers. There have been some alterations over the years, but none that has made any marked change in the outward appearance. And today, the home of Bruce and Doris Collins in Tarkiln, stands very much as it was when Joseph Chandler built it in 1710.

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